GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:266
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2001
INCREASE IN RAILWAY TRAFFIC
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway traffic has gone up by six times since 1951;

(b) if so, the facts thereof ;

(c) whether the Government have made any assessment of the volume of traffic likely to be generated in the coming decade; and

(d) if so, the concrete plan, if any, being chalked out to handle such a volume of traffic?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d) : A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 266 BY SUBODH RAY TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.3.2001 REGARDING INCREASE IN RAILWAY TRAFFIC

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. The revenue earning freight traffic has increased from 73.2 million tonnes in 1950-51 to 456.4 million tonnes in 1999-2000, registering a 6.23 times increase.

(c)& (d) : Formulation of the Indian Railways Corporate Plan is made after detaileddiscussion with user Ministries; Customers interface; anticipated completion of infrastructure projects, anticipated growth of the economy etc. This is because the demand for rail transport is a derived demand. Initial indications have been given by major user Agencies/Ministries, for the traffic likely to materialize in the coming decades. Further discussions are required to be held to enable Railways concretize its plans, the execution of which will necessarily depend upon the funds available for the purpose.